

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

January 17, 2012 Meeting

1930 EST

Harold Martin School

APPROVED 02/21/12

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 1935 EST.

Present were: Derek Owen, Lee Wilder, Tim White, Rob Knight, Erick Leadbeater and Jed Merrow.

1. Minutes of the November 15, 2011 HCC Meeting were approved as written.
 2. Motion to reimburse Bob Lapree for three trail signs for Bohanan Property invoice #1762 from Sign-A-Rama. Motion passed and reimbursement request signed. Lee will leave at Town Hall.
 3. HCC Budget sheet dated 01/03/12 was discussed. Have not seen Town's annual HCC appropriation of \$1.00. Problem?
 4. Jed prepared a HCC 2011 Financial Summary. Jed will E-mail it to Deb Gallant for the 2011 Town Report.
 5. Ron has written a HCC report for 2011. He filed it with Town Hall also.
 6. A copy of the Army Corp's application to DES to refurbish beach sand at Elm Brook Park's Hopkinton Lake, dated Oct. 2011, was discussion. There is no immediate objection to this project as explained in the application.
 7. Erick discussed the spraying of invasives after talking with several other counties that do spraying. After much discussion, it might be easiest to just hire a licensed sprayer as needed? Or talk with the town DOT re someone "on staff" who might be or get licensed to spray. Erick will try that.
 8. Rob Knight reports that the Open Space Committee has a DRAFT web site for review. Lee had arranged with HMS to access the web through the HMS's web. All reviewed the DRAFT. Well done! The OSC would like to have 6 trail maps ready for the March Town Meeting. Tim reports that on Aug. 2, 2010 the HCC approved \$1800. for the project and wonders where we stand now. Discussion followed re hosting the website and domain name. Independent host vs. town hosting the site? Rob will check with the town's web master.
 9. Jed reported progress on the proposed HCC Culvert Inventory. He got some ideas as to what data may be important/collected, from discussion with Fish and Game, etc. Does the town DOT have a culvert inventory? Jed will check. All approved helping with a HCC culvert inventory in the spring/early summer. Jed will get it organized.
 10. Lee has monitored the Brockway, Johnson / Hawthorne, Janeway and Merry Chase Farm Conservation Easements. A potential violation was noted on the Merry Chase Farm Easement and was so noted on the forms submitted to the easement holder. Lee will get forms to Town Hall for copying and mailing.
- Meeting adjourned at 2108 EDT. Next meeting is Tuesday February 21, 2012 at 1930 EST @ HMS. Tim White is host. Thanks to Lee for cookie assortment.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Wilder

HCC Secretary